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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON CNAD DECISIONS

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RE PARAGRAPH 6 A OF REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING ARE AGREED
MINUTES OF THE MAY 17 FOUR-POWER DEPUTIES MEETING
CONCERNING THE NATO FUTURE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, AND
YOU SHOULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION:

QUOTE: NATO FUTURE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

1. THE DEPUTIES AGREED ON AN APPROACH WHICH RESOLVED
THE DILEMMA THAT EXISTED AS A RESULT OF THE FRG
DEVELOPING CAPRIS ON THE ONE HAND WHILE THE BULK OF THE
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OTHER NATO NATIONS, ESPECIALLY FRANCE, UK AND US FELT
STRONGLY THAT ADDITIONAL WORK AND TESTING WAS REQUIRED
BEFORE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE
FUTURE IFF ARCHITECTURE. IN THE VIEW OF FRANCE, UK
AND US, SYSTEM HARDWARE SHOULD NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL
AGREEMENT EXISTED WHICH WOULD INSURE INTEROPERABILITY
ALONG THE LINES OF THE STG REPORT.

2. THE DEPUTIES AGREED THAT THE MORE IMMEDIATE

DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LASER INTERROGATOR PORTION OF CAPRIS SYSTEM COULD, TO A DEGREE, BE SEPARATED FROM THE RF INTERROGATOR PART OF THE SYSTEM. (DR. TRIENES FELT THAT THE CAPRIS CONCEPT DID NOT PERMIT THE LASER TO BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED.) THIS WILL PERMIT THE FOUR COUNTRIES TO PURSUE, ALBEIT ON A VERY EXPEDITED SCHEDULE, AGREEMENT ON CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE RF INTERROGATORS, WHILE SATISFYING THE EARLY FRG NEED FOR DEPLOYMENT OF THE LASER INTERROGATOR IN THE LEOPARD 2.

3. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE CAPRIS SYSTEM, BASED ON THE FRG PRESENTATION, IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE CONCEPT EVOLVED BY THE SPECIAL TASK GROUP FOR FIS. HOWEVER, OPTIMAL MODULATION OF RF FREQUENCIES IS THE KEY MATTER REQUIRING RESOLUTION AMONG THE FOUR COUNTRIES BEFORE FINAL COMMITMENT TO SPECIFIC HARDWARE FOR THE RF MODE.

4. THE US INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN WORKING WITH GERMANY ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LASER SYSTEM BECAUSE IT HAS A SIMILAR STATED NEED. HOWEVER, THIS EFFORT SHOULD RESULT IN A NATO STANDARD WHICH ANY NATION COULD ADOPT AND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY WHICH DOES NOT ADVERSELY DELAY THE GERMAN LASER PROGRAM.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES-I.E., ADOPTION OF A COMMON ARCHITECTURE
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FOR THE FUTURE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE-
THAT PARTICIPATION BY INDUSTRY WOULD BE NEEDED.

6. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE ASG (DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THESE DECISIONS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WHICH FOLLOWS. (THE US WILL SO INFORM LABERGE).

A. THE FOUR POWER DEPUTIES AGREED THAT A FOUR POWER AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE DIRECT COMPONENT OF THE NATO FIS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY.

B. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS WORKING GROUP WILL BE TO PREPARE THE STANDARDS/SPECIFICATIONS (LIKE A STANAG) FOR THE DIRECT COMPONENT OF THE NATO FIS AS DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIAL TASK GROUP REPORT APPROVED BY THE CNAD. (A COMMON NATO-WIDE ARCHITECTURE FOR FIS REMAINS AS THE PRIME OBJECTIVE.)

C. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LASER QUESTION AND ANSWER SYSTEM SO THAT ONGOING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE NATIONS IN THIS AREA MAY BENEFIT AND NOT BE DELAYED

BY THE WORKING GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS. THE FRG AND US MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTION OF THE STANDARDS.

D. A WORK PLAN FOR THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOUR POWER PRINCIPALS BY JUNE 30, 1977.

E. THE WORK PLAN IS TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLETION OF THE STANDARDS/SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENTATION BY JUNE 30, 1978.

F. INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTOR SUPPORT TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS.

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G. IF OTHER NATIONS WANT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE WORKING GROUP AND HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER AND ARE WILLING TO SHARE IN THE FUNDING THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO DO SO. UNQUOTE

RE PARAGRAPH 6C OF REFTTEL, WE AGREE WITH LABERGE SUGGESTION FOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING BY THE CNAD.

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